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SUBJECT:PAKISTAN REPROCESSING

REF: TEHRAN 6511

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2. INR REMAINS SKEPTICAL THAT THE FRENCH, BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WE OUTLINED IN THE MORNING SUMMARY, WILL CANCEL THE CONTRACT OUTRIGHT. TO ELABORATE INR BELIEVES THAT FRANCE WILL CONVEY A NEGATIVE MESSAGE SHORT OF OUTRIGHT CANCELLATION DURING THE JACOMET VISIT IN THE HOPE THAT PAKISTAN WILL TAKE THE HINT AND SHOW ITSELF AMENABLE. SHOULD THIS FIRST EFFORT NOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULT, FRANCE CAN BE EXPECTED, OVER TIME, TO WITHDRAW FROM THE CONTRACT BY A SERIES OF GRADUAL AND EQUIVOCATING MOVES. SUCH MOVES COULD INCLUDE:

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